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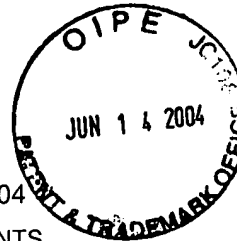
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Title: IMPROVED IMMUNODIAGNOSTIC ASSAYS USING REDUCING AGENTS

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**RESPONSE/AMENDMENT/LETTER**

This is a response/amendment/letter in the above-identified application and includes an attachment which is hereby incorporated by reference and the signature below serves as the signature to the attachment in the absence of any other signature thereon.

☒ **Correspondence Address Indication Form Attached.****Fees are attached as calculated below:**

Total effective claims after amendment **124** minus highest number  
previously paid for **116** (at least 20) = **8** x \$ 18.00 \$ 144.00

Independent claims after amendment **2** minus highest number  
previously paid for **5** (at least 3) = **0** x \$ 86.00 \$ 0.00

If proper multiple dependent claims now added for first time, add \$290.00 (ignore improper) \$ 0.00

Petition is hereby made to extend the current due date so as to cover the filing date of this  
paper and attachment(s) (\$110.00/1 month; \$420.00/2 months; \$950.00/3 months) \$ 950.00

Terminal disclaimer enclosed, add \$ 110.00 \$ 0.00

☐ First/second submission after Final Rejection pursuant to 37 CFR 1.129(a) (\$770.00) \$ 0.00

☐ Please enter the previously unentered , filed

☐ Submission attached

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☐ Applicant claims "small entity" status. ☐ Statement filed herewith

Rule 56 Information Disclosure Statement Filing Fee (\$180.00) \$ 180.00

Assignment Recording Fee (\$40.00) \$ 0.00

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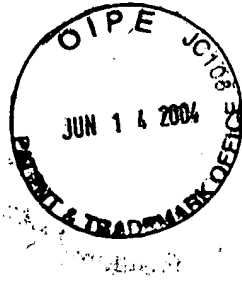
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**AMENDMENT**

Responsive to the Official Action dated December 15, 2003, entry and consideration of the following amendments and remarks are requested; the period for response having been extended up to and including June 15, 2004, by submission of the requisite petition and fee, attached.

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